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Sort 11 – Derivational

Vowel Alternation: Long to Short/Schwa

Sort the words into columns based on the base word and its derivative. Listen for the *schwa* sound (unaccented short -u sound) to decide your pairs. Put each column in alphabetical order (not including the example word.)

Base Word: Long Vowel	Base Word: Short Vowel		Base Word: Long Vowel	Base Word: Schwa
volcano	volcanic		compose	composition

Applying Meaning

1. People often think of a custodian as a person who maintains the condition of a school. Find another use for the word *custodian* and use it correctly in a sentence.

2. Select four other words from the list and use them in a meaningful sentence.

Go on a word hunt and find 1-2 more word pairs that use this vowel alternation pattern.

Base Word: Long Vowel	Base Word: Short Vowel / Schwa	Mark with alternation your pair uses
		Short Vowel / Schwa
		Short Vowel / Schwa